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Governor Musgrove Announces Grant for Metcalfe Volunteer Fire Department

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that Metcalfe Volunteer Fire Department will receive a \$40,194 grant through the Department of Homeland Security. The grant will be utilized for fire operations and firefighter safety.

"The funds will be put to good use by the Metcalfe firefighters in their work to protect people and property," said Musgrove. "We have worked closely with the Department of Homeland Security to secure funding for our first responders to insure they have the proper training and equipment to carry out their duties."

The funds for firefighters and firefighter safety programs will be used to provide training, wellness and fitness, firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment, and modifications to fire stations and facilities.

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